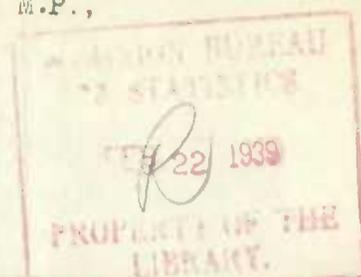


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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1938-1939
(1926=100)

Although wholesale commodity price changes were somewhat mixed in the week ending February 17, the broader movement was toward higher levels, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index rose from 73.0 for the week ending February 10 to 73.3. Increases were predominant in Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Iron, while Wood, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals moved moderately lower. Among the more important commodities to advance were grains, raw rubber, livestock, eggs and silk, but declines occurred in fresh meats, lard, copper and paint materials. The index of Industrial Material Prices moved higher also, rising from 64.2 for the week ending February 10 to 64.3 for the week ending February 17. The Stable group receded 0.1 point to 88.0, while the Sensitive group increased 0.2 point to 52.2. Food materials were entirely responsible for this increase, rising from 55.0 to 56.6, because of strength in grains and livestock, while Manufacturing Materials dropped from 50.9 to 50.6, due to reductions in copper, raw sugar, cottonseed oil and hides.

Canadian Farm Products mounted from 64.4 to 65.0. Field Products fell from 55.0 to 54.9, influenced largely by lower potato quotations, while Animal Products rose from 80.2 to 82.0, when sharp increases in livestock and eggs outweighed a decline in hides.

| | No. of Price Series | 1938 | | 1939 | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| | | Feb. | Jan. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. |
| | | 18 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 83.6 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.0 | 73.3 |
| INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS | | | | | | |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 86.7 | 60.2 | 60.3 | 60.2 | 60.5 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 78.2 | 73.3 | 73.2 | 72.5 | 73.6 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products | 85 | 68.6 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 65.9 | 66.2 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 79.7 | 76.2 | 76.2 | 76.2 | 76.1 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 103.8 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.6 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products | 18 | 71.3 | 69.9 | 70.1 | 69.9 | 69.7 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 87.1 | 86.3 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 78.8 | 78.8 | 78.9 | 78.3 |
| CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS | 70 | 85.0 | 64.9 | 65.0 | 64.4 | 65.0 |
| INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES | 30 | | 64.5 | 64.7 | 64.2 | 64.3 |
| Stable | 12 | | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.0 |
| Sensitive | 18 | | 52.4 | 52.7 | 52.0 | 52.2 |
| Manufacturing | 13 | | 50.8 | 50.9 | 50.9 | 50.6 |
| Food | 5 | | 56.8 | 57.5 | 55.0 | 56.6 |

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